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MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON AND FASHION SHOW

The thirty-seventh annual Mother's Day Luncheon and Fashion Show, featuring **90's WOMEN**, will take place Saturday, May 11, 1996 at the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Palace Hotel. The event is sponsored by the Ladies Philoptochos Society of the Annunciation Cathedral.

An exciting program is planned. Following a welcome by Cleo Mattis, Philoptochos President, Father Stephen Kyriacou, Dean of the Cathedral will offer the invocation and proclaim the Mother of the Year. Dr. Barbara Karvelis, chair of this year's Luncheon and Fashion Show, will address the men and women in attendance. Remarks will be offered by the Honorable Willie Brown, Mayor of San Francisco. Following the luncheon and fashion show there will be a raffle featuring gifts from John's Grill, P. J.'s Oyster House, a painting by Cleo Mattis, a Las Vegas trip by Anna Marie Karsant, Clarins, Nordstroms of San Francisco, and the Sheraton Palace Dining Room. Fashions by Jaeger, Inc., Giorgiou, Clarissa's Bridal Salon, Nine West, and Eye X will be featured, and the entertainment will be offered by the Standard Time-Band, and the Philip & Sala Burton Choir, "A Touch of Class." All this promises to make this event one to remember.

We encourage your making your reservations right away, by calling the Cathedral office at 415/864-8000. To date, we have over 400 reservations, and we anticipate a sell-out! This is particularly impressive, in

FIVE DANCE GROUPS BEING FORMED

For the past several weeks a flyer was distributed by the Dance Group Committee announcing the start-up of new dance groups, and inviting those interested, ages 4 through adults, to sign up. It featured *New Instructors * Professional Workshops *Dances from various regions of Greece, and * A New Choral Program--A great opportunity for all ages **four** through **adults**. This effort has resulted in the formation of five dance groups, as follows: 1) ages **4-5**, 2) ages **6-7-8**, 3) ages **9-10-11**, 4) ages **12-13-14-15-16**, and 5) ages **17 and up**. The groups will be directed by directors as follows: **Chrisoula Koutoulas Pezo and Eleni Stratoudakis, Irene**

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FOCUS ON YOUTH: TWO OUTSTANDING YOUTH (OF MANY)

Annunciation's future is as bright as the commitment of its young people, and there are many. This month we highlight two of them: George Rangaves and Angelo Vorris, and name them *Youth of the Month!*

George Rangaves, son of Louis and Kay Ranges, and brother of Demetri, has been playing the drums since he was eight, and was in a variety of bands. His current band is a Greek band that was formed about a year ago. He donated his time to perform at this year's Annunciation Food Festival. George is also an altar boy at the Cathedral. He is currently

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view of the fact that the President of Greece will be arriving in San Francisco (the first time ever for a Greek Head of State) that very afternoon. People will have an opportunity to see President Stephanopoulos at a variety of receptions that evening, and on Sunday, when he is scheduled to attend the services at the Ascension in Oakland.

The success of our Mother's Day Luncheon and Fashion Show is due, of course to your attendance and support, and to the hard work of the **Committee**, chaired by Dr. Barbara Karvelis, and including: Nina Cois-Fashion Coordinator, Pauline Deligiorgis-Decorations, Mary Tonas- Model Dresser, Lillian Drake- Reservations, Anna Marie Karsant and Connie P. White-Raffle, Kay George and Joy Tamaras- Hostesses, Mary Mitchel-Prizes/ Favors, Emily Bagatelos-Publicity, Barbara Karvelis-Entertainment, Genie Mantzoros-Music for Models, Cleo and George Mattis-Mailing, and Pat Aleck-Parish President. **Hostesses** include: Kal Fotenos, Nan Cusulos, Soso Dekaristos, Annette Chiappari, Eugenia Nobis, Tula Kourtoglou, Carol Nobis, Louise Vorris, Harriet Boone, Emily Bagatelos, Foula Vasilogiorgis, Katherine Bagatelios and Charlotte Derdevanis. **Models** Effie Arnolfo, Kathleen Arnolfo, Toni Ambus, Barbara Karvelis, Chrisoula Koutoulas, Erika Kyriacou, Georgia Sclavos, Kiki Theodorides, Mary Vasilogiorgis, Irene Fousekis, Lea Fousekis, Mariah Condos, Nicole Karvelis, Mia Mattis, Rhonda Sarris, Rose Sogotis, Marie Vorris, and Jul Nelson, escorted by Dr. George Ambus and Michael Bagatelos, with Katerina Loufas as flower girl.

DANCE GROUPS

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Fousekis and Lea Fousekis, Nickoletta Panoutsopoulos and Christina Lloyd, Mina Tstatsaronis and Kiki Theodorides, and Christopher Kyriacou, along with an assistant, yet to be named.

So far, about 30 dancers have signed up. The program can accommodate at least that many more, and so we are inviting all who wish to participate in this program to sign up by approaching one of the directors or by calling the Cathedral office at 415/864-8000.

Dancing will begin **in about two weeks**. So do sign up as soon as possible. In addition, the **dance group fee has been waived** for practices until after we have had a chance to hold meetings with dancers and parents in September. Also in September we will start holding professional workshops, that is, workshops by noted individuals who have a particular expertise in folk dancing, either from other parts of the U.S. or from Greece. They will be invited to work with our directors and dancers.

A number of new ideas have also been put forth and will be implemented beginning September, such as a folk dance exhibition event, which could be held at the Cathedral, inviting folk dance groups of other churches and other cultures to participate, e.g. Serbian, Armenian, Russian, etc. All of this promises to help revitalize our dance program in a refreshing new and exciting way.

You may use the form found on the back page of the *Herald* to register.

FOCUS ON YOUTH

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enrolled in the College of San Mateo and plays in the CSM Jazz Big Band. He plans to transfer next semester to California State University, Hayward as an English major and Music Minor. Cal State was his first choice because it has the best Jazz Big Band on the West Coast.

Angelo Vorrises, son of Jim and Louise, and brother of Denis, Marie, and Stephanie, has been a life-long member of the Cathedral since his baptism at the age of six months. From kindergarten through the sixth grade Angelo attended the Cathedral Sunday School. For each of those years he received Outstanding Attendance and Participation Awards. Four years ago, Angelo began service in the altar, where he has been cited as MVA ("most valuable acolyte"), rarely missing a single Sunday. Angelo is also an accomplished basketball player, having played on Annunciation Cathedral teams for 8 years. For 5 of those years Angelo was very instrumental in helping the team claim the first place Championship Award for the Annunciation Cathedral in the Northern California Orthodox League, including the title for 1996. Now 15 years old, Angelo is a freshman at Archbishop Rioridan Preparatory High, where he has been on the honor roll for two semesters and where he plays First Chair trumpet in the school band.

Keep up the good work, guys!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

"With Spirit & Faith We Look to Our Future"

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!

I know our hearts are filled the joy and renewal of the Easter Season. In addition, our hearts should be filled with extra joy as we look as members of the Annunciation family to the growth that we see developing in our community. Yes, there is a long way to go.... But we have indeed taken our "small" steps towards fulfilling our dream...and that dream must remain "constant" in our thoughts as we plan & develop each phase of our building complex. The spirit is there and I ask that you look with eagerness towards what is indeed within our reach, within our

power, within our sight, and most of all within ourselves. Each steward of our family should stand tall with pride as we look towards the dreams of our community. Each one of us is so important to that dream. Let us join hands towards building a community filled with love & respect that will allow us to reflect our everyday expression of Christian life and joy as we share self, time, abilities & resources to share with God and make this a community of our dreams. We need to move as a united family to what we know is within our power to achieve.

Within Our Reach
lies every path
we ever dream of taking.

Within Our Power
lies every step
we ever dream of making.

Within Our Sight
lies every joy
we ever dream of seeing..

Within Ourselves
lies everything
we ever dream of being.

The Parish Council extends best wishes to all of you. We ask that you look within yourselves and bring forth your talents to our community as we move towards the reality of our dream and the flourishing of our community.

Patricia Aleck
Parish Council President

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ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!*

FOCUS ON YOUTH

CHAMPIONS!

The "A" Team which consists of boys 13-14 years of age finished the regular season in second place with a 5-1 record with the only loss coming to St. Nicholas of San Jose and advanced to the playoffs.

Our boys wanted to atone for their only loss against St. Nicholas but had to face their archrival in the Ascension Church in the first round of the playoffs. Needless to say our boys were on a mission and cruised to a 50-31 win which set up the rematch they wanted for the championship. The Annunciation team was led by Joey Perez and Angelo Vorrises who had 20 points and 13 points respectively.

The next day saw our young boys jump out to a 14-5 first quarter lead only to see St. Nicholas tie the game at half-time. Joey Perez took control to start the 3rd quarter and led the team to an 11 point lead at the end of the 3rd quarter. St. Nicholas put up a good fight but Angelo Vorrises made 7 of 9 free throws during the final quarter and Nick Fanourgiakis had 12 points for the game helping bring home the Championship with a 47-32 victory.

The team consisted of Nick Fanourgiakis, Nick Fanourgiakis, Kosta Goumenides, Joey Perez, Jimmy Prountzos, Dimitri Stamatakis, Tony Stamatakis, Angelo Vorrises, Kosta Vorrises, John Eliopoulos, Assistant Coach and Chris Kallas, Coach.

REGULAR SEASON

Annunciation	42	St. John	32
Annunciation	37	Holy Trinity	27
Annunciation	42	Ascension	38
Annunciation	55	St. Basil	3
Annunciation	25	St. Nicholas	30
Annunciation	45	Holy Cross	38

PLAYOFFS

Annunciation	50	Ascension	31
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CHAMPIONSHIP

Annunciation	47	St. Nicholas	32
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YES!!

SUMMER CAMP AUGUST 10-17

Once again, Yosemite Valley, right below Half Dome and those breathtaking shooting stars, will be the site for this year's Annunciation Cathedral Summer Camp. Pending finalization of details by the Camp Committee, Summer Camp will be pretty much as it's always been: a week of learning, growing, and fun, a week of exploration of the wonders of God's world, both without and within. Complete with Tasia's good eats and that roaring campfire. Mike jokes. News flashes. And dust everywhere. The format will be the same, with Religion, Arts and

Crafts, Sports and Recreation. An unforgettable experience. The forging of friendships that last a lifetime.

On the issue of costs, we expect the fees will be comparable to last year's. Affordable for most, but difficult for some. And so we are appealing to a few of our parishioners who might like to help send some kids to camp. Currently, we have three youngsters whose families simply can't afford to send them. If you are able to help, it would be very much appreciated. You may speak to Father Stephen or to our camp director, Nick Vriheas. Meanwhile, applications will be going out to

potential campers and staff. Staff applications are subject to review and approval by the Camp Committee and the Dean.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KORNER

Our Sunday School conducted a very successful and informative Open House on Palm Sunday. Parents and other parishioners alike were very pleased to see the wealth of learning that our children are exposed to in Sunday School. As we end the current school year, our staff met to evaluate the year and to plan for September. On Saturday, May 18th our Sunday School will join our Greek School in a combined outing. During the summer we will review materials, especially texts for 6th and 7th grades. We are currently looking for a new Sunday School director, or principal, as well as a high school teacher. We are very pleased that our school is staffed as follows: Kindergarten: Louise Vorrises and Barbara Rotter, First Grade: Effie Vellis and Paula Kitses, Second Grade: Eleni Kalligeros and Marie Vorrises, Third and Fourth Grades: Annette Chiappari, Fifth and Sixth Grades: Mary Tonas, Seventh and Eighth Grades, Bill Vlahos. All agree we must endeavor to make Sunday School a major priority in the weeks and months ahead, since learning our Orthodox Christian faith is vital to our growth in the Lord and our dedication to His Church. Toward this end a number of steps will be taken, including the formation of a Sunday School Choir, increasing our children's involvement in the Divine Liturgy, and enforcement of the requirement that all those who participate in youth activities, including dance and athletics, must attend Sunday School, a minimum of 75 % of the time. We are proud of our dedicated staff, and of our Sunday School Principal, Florika Tonas Bozionelos, and we are committed to working even harder to restructure and revitalize our Sunday School program.

CATHEDRAL HAPPENINGS!

60 YEARS SINCE OUR RENAMING: LET'S CELEBRATE!

In September, 1936 the then St. Sophia Cathedral, which had purchased the old Valencia Street Theater and relocated in 1927, re-organized, naming itself United Greek Orthodox Community of San Francisco, the Annunciation. Sixty years have passed since then. The Cathedral has been a major ecclesiastical center these past sixty years, as the Cathedral Church for the Diocese of San Francisco, and the home to thousands of Orthodox Christians, who were baptized, chrismated, and married here. Seven years have gone by since the Loma Prieta earthquake, which ultimately caused the demolition of the old Cathedral. However, the Cathedral's magnificent new facilities, nearing completion, invite us to look ahead to the future, and the prominent role the Cathedral will play as the focus of our Greek Orthodox faith and heritage for generations to come.

And so, on Saturday, November 2nd, we will celebrate our past and our future with a gala event to be held right here in our new community center. A hard-working committee of parishioners and friends of the Cathedral is putting together what promises to be an historic occasion. Look for details in future issues of the *Herald* and in various other mailings.

WE'RE IN OUR NEW OFFICES (ALMOST)

You may have noticed the new office doors ajar the last Sunday or two. That's because we're in the process of setting up the new offices. Located on the first level, to the right from the Valencia Street entrance, these offices consist of rooms for the receptionist, the bookkeeper/office manager, a work room, an office for the Diocese Philoptochos, and an office for the assistant to the Dean. Eventually, the second floor will be completed, and will consist of offices for the Cathedral Philopto-

chos, a receptionist, the Dean, and a large conference room for meetings and smaller receptions, thus completing the administrative wing. For now, all administrative functions are housed on the ground level.

Over the next two weeks most of the files should be moved over from the other building and the offices completed. Please stop by and visit them; they represent your generosity and efforts since the earthquake. And do make note of our new numbers: Telephone: 415/864-8000, Fax: 415/431/5860.

HARIKLIA BOONE: WOMAN OF THE YEAR

In an emotion-filled church, following the Divine Liturgy Sunday, March 31st, Hariklia (Harriet) Boone was proclaimed Woman of the Year. Born in Okaland to Aliki Jimmy Gellepis, Hariklia attended Healds and City College, where she trained for a career as a medical secretary. Currently Hariklia is Pathology Supervisor at the Alta Bates Hospital in Berkeley. Married to Frank Boone in May, 1978, Hariklia came to live in San Francisco, where she became an active member of the Annunciation Cathedral, and the Cathedral's Philoptochos. Whether on the runway at the annual Mother's Day Luncheon and Fashion Show or at the food line at the annual festival, Hariklia stands out with her ingratiating (and contagious!) smile and optimistic outlook. An honor well deserved. *Axial!*

BUILDING: WHAT'S HAPPENING

The floor! We are scheduled to install the multi-purpose hall floor, beginning May 6. And so the hall will be closed until its completion, on or about June 19. Clough flooring, which has installed the Cal Berkeley gym floor and others in the area, will be doing the installation. The flooring will be hard maple wood, coated and striped for a high school reg-

ulation basketball court. Retractable baskets, retractable bleacher seating, a score board and partitions between the Korinthias and Kytherian Rooms will also be installed. Eventually a kitchenette in the Kytherian Room will complete this portion of the facility. The next step will be to rough in the plumbing, add insulation to the exterior walls and sheetrock and paint the showers and locker rooms. Subsequently, we will move to the second level, as money allows, and complete the classrooms, offices, library, and museum. Finally, the Bausch and Lomb building will be vacated and demolished, and the courtyard and parking lot completed. The final touches will include granite on the facade and along the planters and fountain, and the planting of some forty-two trees! You may have noticed that the sidewalk along Stevenson Street has been installed, and openings provided for the planting of some of those trees. And then our building project, known as phase one, will be complete. Some \$300,000 is required to complete the facility. We are confident that our parishioners will enable its completion. We will then plan for a dedication and the official opening of our new facilities, which already have become, in the true sense of the word, a Cathedral center, the gathering place of the Greek Orthodox people of San Francisco.

Financially speaking, you have pledged a total of \$2,742,761 toward the project. Of this amount, 89.27% or \$2,448,477 has been collected, leaving a balance of \$291,284. All this from 529 Pledgees, who have made an average pledge of \$5,185. Add to that the SBA loan in the amount of \$500,000 and the line of credit with Golden Gate Bank of \$1,100,000 and we have \$4,342,761 as the monies identified. Of this we have spent a total of \$3,888,591 to date, including the cost of the project, principle (in the case of the SBA loan), and interest (in the case of both the SBA loan and our loan with Golden Gate Bank).

STEWARDSHIP - THE MOST IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO OUR FAITH

STEWARDSHIP ON THE RISE

The Stewardship Committee has set high goals for 1996: 550 pledged members for a total of \$180,000. Already, as of April 15, 369 families and individuals made their commitment, for a \$148,370. Some pledges are as high as \$2,400!, or \$200 a month! Our Stewardship Committee encourages *monthly* pledging, that is making your commitment based on how much you are able to give *each month*. When looked at in this way, a commitment of \$50, or \$60 or even \$100 is achievable, for most people. This will help put the Cathedral on a sound financial footing, and enable it to better serve you. We should note that this year more and more people are putting their stewardship on their Visa or Mastercard, making it a convenient way of giving to the Church.

Also, new this year, is a junior stewardship pledge, teaching our young people under the age of 18 that their own commitment, however large or small, does make a difference. Finally, the Stewardship Committee is putting together a booklet of all the programs, ministries, and organizations offered by the Cathedral, in an effort to both inform and invite greater participation in the life of the Church.

HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE TO MY CHURCH?

Stewardship is based on the principle that we share in the Lord's work by returning to God some of the gifts with which He has blessed us: our time, our treasure, our talents. How much, then should I give? Answer: as much as I can. The Bible says we should *tithe*, that is, we should return 10% of all that we earn! Just imagine how

strong our Orthodox Christian faith would be, if we all enabled our Church in this way.

OUR PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT SPEAKS ON STEWARDSHIP

We congratulate those who have submitted early in the year and to those who are making a real attempt to soul search and increase their pledge consistent with their ability with the understanding that as stewards we have undertaken to be managers of our beloved Cathedral. We give through our Stewardship Pledge to assure the smooth operation of our Parish and to meet the needs of the parishioners: Spiritual, educational, cultural, social, recreational and philanthropic.

Stewardship is an understanding that we meet all our obligations to the Church with responsibility, dignity and equity.

It is the only way with which to participate in the work & mission of the Church.

It is the only way through which support of our Church becomes a matter of conscience instead of coercion.

It is the only way to consider support of the Church as a personal obligation and an item on the family budget instead of a random contribution.

It is the only way through which the parish will know in advance what income it will have during the year and how to use it to best advantage.

It is the only way which will give the Church the ability to face all her operating needs and offer all of her services to all Parishioners NOW instead of in the future.

In addition we would like to extend a *warm welcome* to those new stewards who have joined our spiritual community, to our youth who are pledging for the first time or to those who have rekindled their ties to Annunciation through March.

Toni Ambus, George & Vickie Angelides, John & Effie Arnolfo, Gheorghe Bazgan, Chrisula Asimos, George Copulos, Amir Davallou, Daniel and Patty Garcia, Jim & Joanne Kavalarris, Antonios Koutsoukakis, Justin Kyriacou, Michelle Mungia, M/M Steve Nagger, Sophia Pagonis, Jim Papageorge, Vasiliki Pappas, Alan & Alexandra Pike, Maria & Herbert Ramos, Demetrios Rangaves, George Rangaves, Rhonda Sarris, Tony & Priscilla Seliantis, Kosmas Skinas, Georgia Spanos, Odysseus & Athena Stavakaras, Leah, Elpida & Jimmie Stavakaras, Mary Stevens, Chrisoula Stratoudakis, Eleni Stratoudakis, Tessie Sutsos, Eugenia Ternullo, Anthony & Roxanna Tsougarakis, Alex Tzekos, Georgio Zografos, Sam Zografos.

If we have omitted anyone, let us know and we will correct in the next issue of the *Herald*.

**WE WELCOME YOU TO THE
ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL
AND LOOK FORWARD TO
SHARING AND WORKING WITH
YOU ALL!**

Patricia Aleck
Parish Council President

Eugenia Mantzoros
Stewardship Committee Chair

Are You Committed?

**Have You Turned in
Your Pledge Card
Yet?**

PARISH ASSEMBLY NAMES NOMINATING COMM., DELEGATES

Our first Parish Assembly for 1996 convened April 28 following the Divine Liturgy. Among other things, it received reports of the Audit Committee and the Treasurer and approved the Budget for 1996. In addition, it elected a Nominating Committee for the Parish Council elections, which will report to the fall Parish Assembly. The members of the Nominating Committee are Andrew Vellis, Effie Vellis, Jim Bozi-onelos, Peter Tamaras, and Bill Tonas. Finally, it elected delegates to the Diocese Clergy-Laity Conference, to be held at St. Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center, May 29-31. Representing the Parish will be Father Stephen Kyriacou, Dean, Patricia Aleck, Parish Council President, and Nick Tarlson. Delegates to the Archdiocese Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress, to be held at the New York Hilton June 30-July 4 will be Father Stephen Kyriacou, Patricia Aleck, Paul Sogotis, and Irene Gianaras, with James Dariotes as alternate.

CATHEDRAL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

As it does every year, so too this year the Cathedral will offer five scholarships to young people who are either **entering college** or **continuing in college**. These scholarships range from \$500 to \$1,000 and consist of 1) the Anthony P. Bagatelos Scholarship, awarded to students who are "a) of Greek descent; or b) of the Greek Orthodox faith; and who: a) Matriculate at and attend medical school, preferably at Stanford University; and b) intend to practice medicine within the nine county area surrounding San Francisco Bay, preferably in San Francisco." [The amount of this scholarship is equal to 75% of the interest earned during the last year.] 2) The John N. Pappas Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000 3) The Christos Tsikitas Scholarship, in the amount of \$500 and 4) and 5) two Philoptochos scholarships from the fol-

lowing: Philoptochos Scoeity #423, Dorothy Kaplanis, Evangeline and Steve Argyres, A. & K. Loutas scholarships. Finally, the Cathedral directs the Maria Panagoulas scholarship, which will be awarded when the income earned warrants.

Those interested in applying for a scholarship are asked to secure a Scholarship Application by calling the Cathedral office at 415/864-8000, complete and return it by June 1 together with a) an official transcript from the office of the registrar of their high school or college, including recent SAT scores, b) letter of recommendation from a member in good standing of the Cathedral or the Cathedral Philoptochos, and c) a letter of recommendation from a faculty member of the school currently attended (principal, counselor, advisor or teacher).

The Scholarship Committee will notify recipients of its decision by mail by mid-June and shall make a public presentation to scholarship recipients at the Cathedral, which the recipients must attend. Subsequently, checks will be mailed directly to the School for credit to the recipient's account. Exceptions may be made by the Scholarship Committee, with the approval of the Dean, upon receipt of a valid explanation in writing.

With the exception of applicants for the Anthony P. Bagatelos Scholarship, applicants for the remaining four scholarships must be pledged stewards of the Cathedral of the Annunciation if they are 18 years of age or older. If they are under 18 years of age, their parents must be pledged stewards of the Cathedral of the Annunciation, in good standing.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHOLARSHIPS

The Hellenic American Medical and dental Society of Southern California is accepting applications for scholarship awards for the 1996-1997 academic year. Candidates must be enrolled in medical or dental schools in California, must be of Hellenic descent and must show evidence of financial need. Applications are available from Scholarship Com-

mittee, HAMOS, 4619 Browndeer Lane, Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90275-3911, or by calling Dr. George Emmanouilides at 310/222-4000 or 310/377-6643. Since 1989, the Society has awarded 41 S. James Vamvas scholarships to outstanding and deserving students who are pursuing careers in medicine and dentistry. Deadline for acceptance of applications is June 30.

WE'RE OFF TO THE HOLY LAND/CONSTANTINOPLE/ GREECE

On October 6th (or October 5th, depending upon a possible change in carrier) a group of parishioners and friends, together with Father Stephen, will leave for a two-week trip to the Holy Land (including Israel, Palestine, and Mount Sinai, Egypt), Constantinople, and Greece, where participants may stay at no extra cost in air fare for up to one additional month. While in the Holy Land, we will visit various sites of religious significance as well as some archeological sites. Some of the religious sites include the Mount of Beatitudes in Galilee, the place of the Annunciation in Nazareth, the place of the Birth of our Lord, in Bethlehem, the tomb of the Theotokos in Jerusalem, and the Western Wall, the Temple Mount, and Church of the Holy Sepulcher, which stands over the site of the Crucifixion, the Burial and Resurrection of our Lord, also in Jerusalem, as well as the place where Moses received the Ten Commandments, at Mount Sinai. Some of the archeological sites include Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered, and Caesarea Maritima, a fully excavated Greek-Roman town and harbor where St. Paul was imprisoned for two years, and where the archeological remain with Pilate's name on it was found, thus establishing Pontius Pilate as an historical figure. The group then goes on to Constantinople (Istanbul) for a three-night stay, where we will view the magnificent sixth century structure known as Aghia Sophia and be received by His All Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I. As this issue of the *Herald* went

to press, Father Stephen received a message from the Ecumenical Patriarchate, informing us that His All Holiness will receive us on Thursday, October 17th, and that he looks forward to our visit. That reception will certainly be one of the highlights of our trip! The full text of the letter follows:

Τῷ Αἰδεσιμολ. π. Στυλιανῷ Κυριάκου, Ἱερατικῶς Προϊστάμενῳ τοῦ Ἱεροῦ Καθεδρικοῦ Ναοῦ τοῦ Εὐαγγελισμοῦ τῆς Θεοτόκου, Εἰς Ἅγιον Φραγκίσκον Εἰς ἀπάντησιν πρὸς τὸ ἀπὸ τῆς 20ῆς Μαρτίου ἐ.ἔ. γράμμα τῆς ὑμετέρας ἀγαπητῆς Αἰδεσιμολογίότητος πρὸς τὴν Α. Θ. Παναγιότητα, τὸν Προσκυνητὸν ἡμῶν Αὐθέντην καὶ Δεσπότην, τὸν Οἰκουμενικὸν Πατριάρχην κ.κ. Βαρθολομαῖον, σεπτῇ Αὐτοῦ ἐντολῇ γνωρίζω ὑμῖν, ὅτι Οὗτος εὐχαρίστως θα δεχθῇ εἰς ἰδιαιτέραν ἀκρόασιν τὴν ὑπὸ τὴν ἡγεσίαν ὑμῶν ὁμάδα μελῶν τῆς Κοινότητος ἡμῶν τὴν Πέμπτην, 17ην Ὀκτωβρίου ἐ.ἔ. καὶ ὥραν 9.30 πρωϊνὴν. Ἐπὶ τούτοις, διαβιβάζω τῇ ὑμετέρᾳ Αἰδεσιμολογίότητι τὴν ἁγίαν εὐλογίαν καὶ τὰς εὐχὰς τοῦ Παναγιωτάτου Πατριάρχου ἡμῶν εἰς ἐνίσχυσιν ἐν τῇ ζωῇ καὶ ἐν τῇ ἱερᾷ διακονίᾳ αὐτῆς καὶ διατελῶ μετὰ τῆς ἐν Κυρίῳ ἀγάπης καὶ εὐχῶν.

Ἐν τοῖς Πατριαρχείοις, τῇ 9ῃ Ἀπριλίου 1996.

Ὁ Φιλαδελφείας Μελίτων, Ἀρχιγραμματεὺς τῆς Ἀγίας καὶ Ἱερᾶς Συνόδου.

Meanwhile, if you would like to be a part of this historic journey to the Holy Land and Constantinople, call the Cathedral office at 415/864-8000 for details and for a brochure and reservation application.

Η ΓΕΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΝΕΛΕΥΣΗ ΨΗΦΙΖΕΙ ΟΝΟΜΑΣΤΙΚΗ ΕΠΙΤΡΟΠΗ, ΑΝΤΙΠΡΟΣΩΠΟΥΣ

Η πρώτη μας Γενική Συνέλευση των μελών του Καθεδρικού Ναού την Κυριακή 28 Απριλίου ψήφισε τον Ανδρέα και την Ευ-

φροσύνη Βελισσαράτου, τον Δημήτρη Μποζιονέλο, τον Παναγιώτη Ταμάρα, και τον Βασίλη Τόνα μέλη της Ονομαστικής Επιτροπής εν σχέσει με τις εκλογές του Κοινοτικού Συμβουλίου που θα γίνουν τον Δεκέμβριο. Εξελέγησαν αντιπρόσωποι στις Κληρικολαϊκές Συνελεύσεις, της Επισκοπής 29-31 Μαΐου στο Κέντρο του Αγίου Νικολάου ο Ιερατικῶς Προϊστάμενος π. Κυριάκου, η Πρόεδρος του Κοινοτικού Συμβουλίου Παναγιώτα Αλεξοπούλου, και ο χοράρχης του Καθεδρικού Ναού Νικόλαος Τάρλσον. Της δε Αρχιεπισκοπής 30 Ιουνίου-4 Ιουλίου στην Νέαν Υόρκη ο Ιερατικῶς Προϊστάμενος π. Κυριάκου, η Πρόεδρος του Κοινοτικού Συμβουλίου Παναγιώτα Αλεξοπούλου, η Ειρήνη Γιανναρά, πρώην πρόεδρος του Κοινοτικού Συμβουλίου και της Φιλοπτώχου Αδελφότητας της Επισκοπής, και ο Παύλος Σογότης, μέλος του Κοινοτικού Συμβουλίου. Ο Δημήτρης Δαριότης εξελέγη αντιπρόσωπος σε περίπτωση που ένας από τους τέσσερεις αντιπροσώπους θα αδυνατήσει να παρευρεθεί.

Ο ΕΟΡΤΑΣΜΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΜΗΤΕΡΑΣ

Η 37ος εορτασμός της Μητέρας που οργανώνει η Φιλόπτωχος Αδελφότητα του Καθεδρικού Ναού θα λάβει χώραν στο ξενοδοχείο Σέρατον Πάλας το Σάββατο 11 Μαΐου με δεξίωση στις 11:30 π.μ. καὶ γεύμα στις 12:30 μ.μ. Ἡδη πάνω ἀπὸ 400 άτομα ἐχουν κλείσει θέσεις. Σημαντικό ὅταν σκεφθεῖ κανεὶς ὅτι για πρώτη φορά φθάνει στὸν Ἅγιο Φραγκίσκο Πρόεδρος τῆς Ἑλλάδας, περίπου τὴν ἴδια ὥρα, τὸν ὁποῖον ὁμως οἱ ὁμογενεῖς δύνανται νὰ γνωρίσουν στις διάφορες δεξιώσεις που θα επακολουθήσουν, ἀκόμα τὴν ἐπομένη στην Ἐκκλησία τῆς Οκλάνδης. Παρακαλεῖσθε ἐπομένως νὰ κρατήσετε θέσεις για τὸν εορτασμόν αὐτό τῆς Μητέρας ὅσον τὸ δυνατόν πῶ γρήγορα τηλεφω-

νώντας στὸν Καθεδρικό Ναό (σημειώσετε τὸ καινούργιο μας τηλέφωνο) στὸ 415-864-8000.

60 ΧΡΟΝΙΑ ΑΠΟ ΤΗΝ ΟΝΟΜΑΣΙΑ ΜΑΣ

Ὅπως σημειώσαμε σε προηγούμεο δελτίο τὸ Σάββατο 2 Νοεμβρίου θα εορταστούν τα 60 χρόνια ἀπὸ τὴν ὀνομασία τῆς Κοινότητάς μας που μέχρι τὸ ἔτος 1936 ἦτο γνωστὴ ὡς "Ἁγία Σοφία." Ἐκτοτε ἡ Κοινότητα μας ἀναπτύχθηκε σε σημεῖο που ὀνομάσθηκε Καθεδρικός Ναός τῆς Επισκοπῆς τοῦ Ἁγίου Φραγκίσκου. Στὸ μεταξύ μέλη τοῦ Καθεδρικού Ναοῦ μετακόμισαν σε ἄλλα μέρη τῆς περιφέρειας μας, καὶ ἱδρυσαν Κοινότητες στὸ Μπέλμοντ καὶ στὸ Νοβάτο. Μεσολάβησε καὶ ὁ σεισμός τοῦ 1989. Ἀλλὰ ἀπὸ τὸ ἔτος 1993 ὁ Ναός καὶ τα βοηθητικὰ κτίρια ἄρχισαν νὰ ξανακτίζονται, ὥστε ἡ Κοινότητα τοῦ Καθεδρικού Ναοῦ νὰ ἀναπτύσσεται σε σημεῖο που ἀκόμη μία φορά γίνεται τὸ ἐκκλησιαστικὸ κέντρο των Ἑλληνορθόδοξων Χριστιανῶν τῆς περιοχῆς. Ἀς εορτάσουμε ἐπομένως ὄχι μόνο τὸ λαμπρὸ παρελθόν μας ἀλλὰ καὶ τὸ λαμπρὸ μέλλον, ἐκεῖ που μας ὀδηγεῖ ὁ Κύριος με τὴν προστασία καὶ τὶς πρεσβείες τῆς Ἀγίας Θεοτόκου.

Η ΧΑΡΙΚΛΕΙΑ ΜΠΟΥΤΝ: ΓΥΝΑΙΚΑ ΤΗΣ ΧΡΟΝΙΑΣ

Επειδὴ ἔλειπε στὸ Λονδίνο τὴν 25η Μαρτίου που συνήθως ἀνακηρύσσεται ἡ Γυναίκα τῆς Χρονιάς, ἡ ἀνακήρυξη ἐγίνε τὴν Κυριακὴ 31 Μαρτίου μετὰ τὴν Θεία Λειτουργία. Γεννηθεῖσα στὴν Οκλάνδη, ἡ Χαρίκλεια Τζελέπη μετακόμισε στὸν Ἅγιο Φραγκίσκου καὶ ἀμέσως ἐγίνε ἐνεργὸ μέλος τῆς Κοινότητος τοῦ Καθεδρικού Ναοῦ καὶ τῆς Φιλοπτώχου Αδελφότητος. Γνωστὴ για τὸ χαμόγελό τῆς, τὴν αἰσιοδοξία τῆς, καὶ τὴν δράση τῆς ἡ ἐκλογή τῆς σαν Γυναίκα τῆς Χρονιάς ἦτο παμψηφεί. Τῆς εὐχόμεστε τὰ βέλτιστα. Ἀξία!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
LOOKING AHEAD: - Sunday, June 2 - Greek School Graduation - Sunday, June 9 - Sunday School Graduation - Sunday, June 16 - Summer schedule begins: 9:00 - Orthros; 10 to 11:30 - Divine Liturgy.						
9:00 - Orthros 10:15 - Sunday School 10:30 - Divine Liturgy Basketball Tournament	7:00 - Building Fund Committee	7:00 - Camp Committee	7:30 - Regional Choir Rehearsal Ascension, Oakland	7:30 - Choir Rehearsal Pantages Home		9:30 - Greek School Basketball Tournament
5 9:00 - Orthros 10:15 - Sunday School 10:30 - Divine Liturgy	6	7	8	9	10	11 Greek School & Sunday School Outing
12 9:00 - Orthros 10:15 - Sunday School 10:30 - Divine Liturgy	13	14	15	16 ASCENSION 10:00 - Divine Liturgy	17	18 9:30 - Greek School Services - Greek Orthodox Memorial Park
19 9:00 - Orthros 10:15 - Sunday School 10:30 - Divine Liturgy	20 7:00 - Parish Council Meeting	21 10:00 - Divine Liturgy	22 7:30 - Choir Rehearsal Pantages Home	23	24	25
26 9:00 - Orthros 10:15 - Sunday School 10:30 - Divine Liturgy	27	28	29 DIOCESE CLERGY LAITY ASSEMBLY ST. NICHOLAS RANCH	30	31	

ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ΠΡΟΣΚΗΝΗΤΜΑ ΣΤΟΥΣ **ΑΓΙΟΥΣ ΤΟΠΟΥΣ, ΚΩΝΣΤΑΝ-** **ΤΙΝΟΥΠΟΛΗ**

Όπως ήδη έχει ανακοινωθεί, στις 6 Οκτωβρίου (ή στις 5· εξαρτάται με ποιά εταιρία θα ταξιδεύσουμε) αναχωρεί όμιλος μελών και φίλων του Καθεδρικού Ναού για προσκήνυμα στους Αγίους Τόπους και Κωνσταντινούπολη, όπου θα γίνουμε δεχτοί σε ιδιαιτέρως ακρόαση με την Α.Θ. Παναγιότητα τον Οικουμενικό Πατριάρχη (σημ. είδατε σχετικό γράμμα από το Οικουμενικό Πατριαρχείο σε άλλο μέρος του παρόντος δελτίου). Θα επισκεφθούμε τα πιο άγια και για την ανάπτυξη του Χριστιανισμού πιο σημαντικά τοπία της Αγίας Γης όπως π.χ. το Όρος των Μακαρισμών στην Γαλιλαία, τον Ναό του Ευαγγελισμού στη Ναζαρέτ, τον Ναό της Γεννήσεως στην Βηθλεέμ, τον Ναό του Σολομώντος, στον Τάφο της Θεοτόκου, και τον Πανίερο Ναό της Αναστάσεως που περιέχει τον Γολγοθά και τον Πανάγιο Τάφο, όλα στην Ιερουσαλήμ, το Όρος Σινά, στην Αίγυπτο, και τον μεγαλοπρεπή Ναό της Αγίας Σοφίας στην Κωνσταντινούπολη. Επίσης θα επισκεφθούμε αξιοθέατα αρχαιολογικά τοπία όπως το Κουμράν στην Νεκρά Θάλασσα και την Καισαρία την Παραθαλασσία όχι πολύ μακριά από το σημερινό Τελ Αβίβ, εκεί που ο Απόστολος Παύλος έμεινε αιχμάλωτος πριν τον καταδικασμό του στην Ρώμη και όπου ευρέθηκε η πέτρα με την επιγραφή "Πόντιος Πιλάτος" -

αρχαιολογική απόδειξη των γεγονότων που περιγράφει η Καινή Διαθήκη.

Εάν ενδιαφέρεσθε να ταξιδεύσετε μαζί μας στο ιστορικό αυτό προσκύνημα, τηλεφωνήστε στο γραφείο του Καθεδρικού Ναού και ζητήστε ένα έντυπο που περιγράφει το όλο ταξίδι.

ΥΠΟΤΡΟΦΙΕΣ

Όπως είναι γνωστό η Κοινότητα του Καθεδρικού Ναού κάθε χρόνο παρέχει 5 υποτροφίες \$500-\$1000 για παιδιά-μέλη του Καθεδρικού Ναού που αποφοιτούν εφέτος από γυμνάσια και συνεχίζουν τις σπουδές τους σε κολλέγια και πανεπιστήμια ή που ήδη σπουδάζουν σε κολλέγια και πανεπιστήμια. Καλούνται όπως ζητήσουν από το γραφείο του Καθεδρικού Ναού και συμπληρώσουν σχετική αίτηση μέχρι τις 1 Ιουνίου, ώστε να μπορέσει η αρμόδια επιτροπή να συνεδριάσει και να αποφασίσει και γίνει η απονομή μέχρι τέλος Ιουνίου.

Παράλληλα, υπάρχουν αρκετά παιδιά από την Κοινότητα του Καθεδρικού Ναού που αποφοιτούν εφέτος είτε από ημερήσια σχολεία είτε από γυμνάσια είτε από κολλέγια και πανεπιστήμια, τα οποία θα θέλαμε να αναγνωρίσουμε και να συγχαρούμε σε επόμενο δελτίο. Θα θέλαμε να μάθουμε: 1) Ονόματα αποφοίτων και γονέων 2) Ονόματα σχολείων αποφοιτήσεως και είδη πτυχίων 3) Ονόματα σχολείων που θα γραφθούν τον Σεπτέμβριο 4) Τι μαθήματα θα παρα-

κολουθήσουν και 5) Κάτι που τα διάκρινε κατά την διάρκεια των σπουδών όπως π.χ. αθλητικά βραβεία, πρόεδρος της νεολαίας κλπ.

ΟΡΓΑΝΩΝΟΝΤΑΙ ΠΕΝΤΕ ΧΟ- **ΡΕΥΤΙΚΑ ΣΥΓΚΡΟΤΗΜΑΤΑ**

Στο αγγλικό μέρος του παρόντος δελτίου ευρίσκεται απόκομμα το οποίο μπορείτε να χρησιμοποιήσετε για να γραφθείτε σ'ένα από τα 5 χορευτικά συγκροτήματα που οργανώνονται στον Καθεδρικό Ναό, και τα οποία θα αρχίσουν να ασκούνται σε 1-2 βδομάδες. Το κόστος της εγγραφής αναβάλλεται μέχρι τον Σεπτέμβριο, όταν κατόπιν συνεδριάσεων με τους γονείς και τα παιδιά θα αρχίσουν ειδικά μαθήματα και με εκτάκτους δασκάλους. Τα 5 γκρουπ περιλαμβάνουν ηλικίες 1) 4-5, 2) 6-7-8, 3) 9-10-11, 4) 12-13-14-15-16 και 5) 17 και άνω. Οι δάσκαλοί μας είναι η Χρυσούλα Κούτουλα Πέζο και η Ελένη Στρατουδάκη, η Ειρήνη Φουσέκη και η Λία Φουσέκη, η Νικολέττα Πανοτισσοπούλου και η Χρηστίνα Λόϊντ, η Μήνα Τσατσαρόνη και η Κική Θεοδωρίδη, και ο Χριστόφορος Κυριάκου. Μία από τις προσπάθειες του αναδιοργανωμένου προγράμματος του χορού του Καθεδρικού Ναού θα είναι και ένα είδος τοπικού φεστιβάλ με χορευτικά συγκροτήματα και χορούς και από διάφορες περιοχές της Ελλάδας αλλά και από περιοχές όπου υπάρχουν Ορθόδοξοι Χριστιανοί, π.χ. Σερβία, Αρμενία, Ρωσία.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES!

We want to highlight all our graduates in the next issue of the *Herald*. To do this, we need to know who they are. And so we ask you, parishioners, parents, friends, or graduates themselves, kindly pick up the phone and call the Cathedral office at 415/864-8000 with the following information: 1) Name of Graduate and Name of Parents, 2) School from which graduate will receive a degree or diploma (grade school, high school, college, or graduate school) 3) School which graduate will be attending in September, 4) Course of intended study and 5) [optional] something notable about graduate (e.g. made ΦΒΚ, 4-letter athlete, GOYA president, etc.) We'd like to acknowledge all our graduates. They deserve it, and more.



Please send following information to the Annunciation Cathedral, 245 Valencia Street, S. F., CA 94103

1. Name of Graduate _____
2. Name of Parents _____
3. School (Graduating from) _____
4. School (Going to attend) _____
5. Course of study _____
6. (Optional) Something notable _____



DANCE GROUP APPLICATION

Yes, I read about the dance program in the *Herald* and I want to sign up.

My name is _____

My address is _____

My telephone number is _____

I am _____ years old.

Please check one of the following:

I have had experience with Greek folk dancing before _____

I have not had experience with Greek folk dancing before _____

By the way, participation in Greek folk dancing requires participation in the Life of the Church. Dancers are required to attend Sunday School, a minimum of 75 % of the time. To facilitate this, some of our directors are inclined to teach on Sundays, following Sunday School and the Divine Liturgy.

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GEORGE CHRISTOPHER TO BE HONORED

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On Wednesday, September 25, 1996, Golden Gate University will celebrate the public inauguration of the George Christopher Chair in Government Administration.

Regarded as one of the highest distinctions in the academic world, a named endowed Chair provides funds to support the research, teaching, and scholarly activities of a distinguished faculty member. Dr. Leonard Kooperman, a respected teacher and prominent researcher in government administration and public policy, has been named the first Christopher Professor of Government Administration at Golden Gate University.

One of San Francisco's greatest and best-loved Mayors, George

Christopher was born in the village of Aghios Petros in Arcadia, Greece in 1907. When he was two years of age, Christopher's family emigrated to the United States and settled in San Francisco, where his father opened a hamburger stand in the South of Market area. From these modest beginnings, Christopher built a distinguished career in business and public service.

He completed his high school education at night and went on to pursue classes, also at night, at GGU, earning a bachelor's degree in accounting in 1933, for a total of nearly nine years of evening study. Not long after, Christopher started a dairy company in San Francisco and

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ARCHBISHOP SPYRIDON NAMED ARCHBISHOP OF AMERICA

On Tuesday, July 30, 1996 the twelve-member Holy Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate convened in the Phanar under the chairmanship of His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I to fill the vacancy in the office of the Archbishop of America. The Holy Synod unanimously elected His Eminence Metropolitan Spyridon of Italy to succeed Archbishop Iakovos, who retired on July 29, 1996, after thirty-seven years as archbishop.

To better serve the spiritual needs of the Orthodox faithful of North and South America, the Holy Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate established three new metropolitanates of the Ecumenical Throne,

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ANNUNCIATION TURNS 60 - DIAMOND JUBILEE

This month "Annunciation" turns 60. In September, 1936, the then St. Sophia Cathedral (which had purchased the old Valencia Street Theater and relocated there in 1927) reorganized and named itself United Greek Orthodox Community of San Francisco, the Annunciation. Sixty years have passed since then. The Cathedral has been a major ecclesiastical center these past sixty years, as the Cathedral Church for the Diocese of San Francisco, and the home to thousands of Orthodox Christians, who were baptized, chrismated, and married here. Almost seven years have passed since the Loma Prieta earthquake, which caused the ultimate demolition of the old Cathedral. However, the Cathedral's magnificent new facilities, nearing completion, invite us to look ahead to the future, to the prominent role the Cathedral will play as the locus of our Greek Orthodox faith and heritage for generations to come.

And so, on **Saturday, November 2nd**, we will celebrate our past and our future with a gala event to be held right here in our new community center, complete with a gourmet banquet provided by **John's Grill** and dancing to the music of the **Greek Compania**. A hard-working committee of parishioners and friends of the Cathedral is putting together what promises to be an historic occasion. **Sponsorships** Already, invitations have gone out asking our parishioners and friends to help "sponsor" the event. To date, \$5600 has been received from this effort. Our goal is to raise \$20,000 from sponsorships. **Raffle** As for the raffle, a dazzling array of prizes is being offered: a diamond and gold pendant (valued at \$1750), diamond and gold earrings (valued at \$1400), and a diamond and gold necklace (valued at \$4500), as well as a pair of 18 karat gold cuff

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built the enterprise into a highly successful and lucrative Christopher Dairies. Through perseverance and hard work, the American Dream was becoming a reality for George Christopher.

After serving ten years on the Board of Supervisors, Christopher was elected Mayor of San Francisco in 1955, and re-elected four years later, by the largest majorities in the history of the City, a record that still stands today. During Christopher's administrations, San Francisco moved forward on many fronts, including the expansion of the airport, the construction of Japan Town and Brooks Hall, the attraction of the Giants baseball franchise, the revitalization of the Financial District, and the creation of the highly successful Golden Gateway.

Mayor Christopher went on to serve America in a variety of national and international roles. Following his time as Mayor of San Francisco, he went on to serve in other areas as well, including service as a U.S. delegate to the United Nations, with honor and integrity. We all remember his stalwart stand on the Cyprus issue and the many ways in which he protected and advanced Hellenism and our Greek Orthodox faith. We are also mindful that immediately following the Loma Prieta Earthquake, George and the late Tula Christopher were among the first to contribute to the rebuilding effort of the Cathedral, by donating \$10,000.

The public inauguration of the Christopher Chair will take place at the Sheraton Palace Hotel. Tickets for the evening are \$100. For further information and reservations, please contact Andrea Stein at Golden Gate University at 442-7817.

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namely: the Metropolitanate of Toronto and Canada, the Metropolitanate of Buenos Aires and South America, and the Metropolitanate of Mexico City and Central America. The metropolitans to these new eparchies are to be elected at a later date.

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I is the spiritual leader of 250 million Orthodox Christians worldwide. The Ecumenical Patriarchate has direct jurisdiction over the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America as well as other Orthodox dioceses in the western hemisphere.

The newly-elected archbishop will be the fifth archbishop of America since the organization of the Archdiocese in 1922 and the first American-born elected as Archbishop of America. He was born in Warren, Ohio on September 24, 1944. He attended primary and secondary school in both the United States and Greece, and was graduated from high school in Tarpon Springs, Florida. He matriculated with honors from the Theological School of Halki in 1966. He subsequently pursued graduate studies in Switzerland and Germany and, following two years as secretary of the Orthodox Center of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Chambesy, Switzerland, he was assigned as dean of the Greek Orthodox Community in Rome until 1985, when he was ordained Bishop. In 1991 he became the first Metropolitan of Italy and, the following year, was named chairman of the Inter-Orthodox Commission for the Theological Dialogue between the Orthodox Church and the Lutheran World Federation.

The enthronement of the Archbishop will take place on September 21 at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New York City. The Cathedral will be represented by its dean, Father Stephen Kyriacou, Presbyter Vasiliki Kyriacou, Parish Council President Patricia Aleck, Parish Council Member Paul P. Sogotis, Committee member James P. Dariotes, and Youth Committee member Christopher Kyriacou. The first protocol of the new Archbishop follows in another section of the *Herald*.

DIAMOND JUBILEE

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links (valued at \$1400).

Commemorative album In addition, a commemorative book will be printed. Let's continue to strengthen this effort and our community by including your family portrait in our commemorative album. You may purchase a full page for \$250 or a half page for \$175. Payment may be made by personal check, VISA or Master Card. Pictures will be taken at the Cathedral from 11 am to 2 pm on: **Sundays, September 15, 22, and 29 and October 6 and 13.**

There are two options available:

- 1) Portraits (4 x 6) size) with salutations and best wishes from:
 - * Family portraits (new or old). Include name and address on back of old photos to be returned.
 - * Memorials with photo (size 2 1/2 x 3 for half page to 4 x 6 for full page)
 - * Dedications with photo (size 2 1/2 x 3 for half page to 4 x 6 for full page)
 - * Organization portraits
 - * Business and Staff portraits
- 2) Salutations and best wishes only with no photo included or with a small 2 1/2 x 3 photo from:
 - * Family
 - * Business and staff
 - * Organizations
 - * Memorials
 - * Dedications

By selecting either option your salutations and best wishes will be included in the commemorative album and you will be supporting our church. Please note the dates when the photo sessions will take place. It is important to remember that **all ad information (salutations and best wishes, including old photographs) must be received by October 14, 1996. No exceptions!!** Please do not wait until the last minute! By adhering to the deadline, we will be able to compile and print the book in time for a January delivery.

FOCUS ON YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES - SEP. 15

A letter recently went out to our parents from Father Stephen Kyriacou and Dorothy Delianides, our new Sunday School Superintendent. We reprint the letter in its entirety, as a reminder: Dear Parents, We are writing to you to encourage you to start off this year in a positive manner for your children.

Not only is it important for your children to receive a well rounded education in their American studies, but a major part of that well rounded education should be about their Orthodox Christianity from their church.

We at the Annunciation Cathedral have an excellent Sunday School program to meet the needs of children ages 5 through 18. Our teachers are dedicated and experienced. They volunteer their services in order for the children of our community to live and understand the beauty of the Orthodox Christian Faith, the Old and New Testaments of the Bible, liturgical music, Byzantine art, Saints' days, and Church holidays.

The program begins at 10 am with a lesson in Church with Father Stephen. At 10:30 the children will go to their specified classrooms with their teachers. At 11:30 the children will return to church in time for Holy Communion.

Let us help you to encourage your children to know, understand, and live the Christian life though the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ, making it a total life experience for them. Not only this, but we require Sunday School in order for your children to participate in other church youth related activities.

Join us on Sunday, September 15 for our first Sunday School session and for each Sunday after that.

GREEK SCHOOL RESUMES SEPTEMBER 14 (REGISTRATION) AND SEPTEMBER 21 (FIRST DAY OF CLASSES)

Our Greek School will hold registration on Saturday, September 14, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, and will resume the following Saturday, September 21, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. We are pleased to announce to you that our dedicated teachers, Mrs. Loukia Exarhou Papadopoulos and Ms. Panagiota Rekas will be teaching our children. A planning session was held Saturday, August 31st to prepare the classrooms, the curriculum and the Greek School calendar of events for the year.

WE SALUTE (MORE OF) OUR GRADUATES

Sophie Papageorge, daughter of Marie Papageorge, was graduated from Tuft University's School of Veterinary Medicine, where she received her doctor's degree. She is currently working in the area of elephant research, having spent the summer in Tanzania, where the population of the African elephant is now more protected and, hence, growing. She plans to return to Africa for additional research.

Stephan Ted Poulos, M.A. was graduated from Standord University Sunday, June 16, receiving a Master of Arts in English Literature, having been a recipient of the AXIOS Foundation and Menikias Scholarships. Mr. Poulos graduated from the University of California at Berkeley in 1995, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in English literature, summa cum laude, with Highest Distinction in the Major, a Regent's Scholar, ΦBK, and a recipient on the H.W. Hill Award for excellence. He plans to continue graduate study towards both the M.F.A. and the Ph.D./PsyD.

SCOUTS AT THE ANNUNCIATION

Did you have a good time at camp this summer? Do you want to learn about the outdoors? Go on fun field trips in the San Francisco area? Learn more about life, first aid, sports, or a possible career? How about sailing on San Francisco Bay?

Scouts is a great way to do all of these things, as well as be involved with others from the Church. Its available for young men and women, ages 5 to 20, including Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Sea Scouts, Explorers, Daisies, Brownies, and Junior Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts.

Depending on ages and interest, we will do weekly or monthly meetings, outings, field trips, etc. and also earn our religious awards: St. George, Chi Rho, and Alpha Omega. Anybody interested please see us on Sunday, September 15, after church in the big hall, or call Nick Tarlson at 956-5700.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Kathleen Arnolfo, daughter of Effie and John Arnolfo and S. Christopher Kyriacou, son of Father and Presbyteria Kyriacou, were each awarded the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society Annunciation Cathedral Chapter 423 scholarships.

While the Anthony P. Bagatelos Scholarship went to Demetra Panomitros, son of John and Helen Panomitros.

The John N. Pappas Scholarship was awarded to Justin C. Kyriacou, son of Father Stephe and Presbyteria Vasiliki.

We congratulate our recipients and wish them well in their studies.

CATHEDRAL HAPPENINGS!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Patricia Aleck
Parish Council President

SETTING OUR PRIORITIES . . .

The busy summer months have flown by and as we come towards the end of August we realize that our Annunciation family members once again will return from summer vacationing to worship together and continue to make the Church a priority in our lives. We have had a busy six months. Our offices are almost complete and the new floor in the community center is finally finished. We are beginning to book the center for events and look to the future to make it a productive gathering place not only for our Annunciation family members but for the greater community. We have come a long way but so much still needs to be completed and funds need to be gathered!

Our upstairs facilities need to be addressed and the school facilities must be a priority for our youngsters in addition to finishing off the center. God has placed us on a path of growth and each of us must look into our hearts to put Him first so that we may succeed on the path that He has set for us no matter what obstacles we may encounter. *We will rise to the challenge!*

BE A PART OF OUR HISTORY! .

. . . The Diamond Jubilee, a celebration to commemorate our past and celebrate our accomplishments, to be held on November 2, 1996, is a major fundraising event this year for our rebuilding. The committee is planning a wonderful and exciting event with entertainment and dancing as we note the 60th Anniversary since our Church became the Annunciation. The sponsorship of this event is extremely important. You have all received an invitation to become a sponsor. Your sponsorship ensures that all proceeds from this event go towards the building fund to raise funds for our project.

Don't hesitate! Join the Diamond Circle for \$5000 (includes 4 event tickets), or the Emerald Circle for \$1000 (includes 2 event tickets), or the Ruby Circle for \$500, or become a Patron at \$100, or a Sponsor at \$50. Fill out your response card and mail

it in by October 4 and become a part of history. Chairpersons for the Sponsorship drive, Joy Tamaras, Effie Tamaras, Betty Cherin and Soula Leonis will add your name to the program for the evening. This event not only celebrates the members of our community but all who have had ties to the Annunciation history. If you have any questions concerning sponsorship please call the Cathedral or speak to one of the above Chairs. With your help we can reach our goal of \$60,000 and upwards for this event.....

The members of the Parish Council and I look forward to meeting after a month's hiatus to further plan and look at activities, events and fund raising efforts. Your involvement is necessary. We will be calling on you....With the talented and hardworking chairmen and committee members and the support of the Parish Council and all other Church organizations we always manage to make our events successful. But most of all it is your love and support which will sustain us. Again, as we approach the fall months let us make God and the Church a priority in our lives. May God bless our Church and you as we strive to meet our obligations through Stewardship, Time, Talent and Building Fund.

DEMOLITION OF CENTRAL FREEWAY = HUGE PARKING PROBLEM

If it's not one thing, it surely is another. Just when we were looking ahead to completing our facilities, demolishing the old Bausch and Lomb building, and paving the lot to provide for much-needed additional parking (having first raised the \$300,000 required to do so) we received notice from the City that the parking lot under the freeway the Cathedral has leased from the Department of Social Services will no longer be available to us because of the demolition and retrofit of the Central Freeway. This creates a huge problem for us at Annunciation, because the area above the old Bausch and Lomb building can accommodate thirty cars at most. And Valencia Street does not provide enough room for parking to meet our needs, especially for ma-

jor Feast Days and for events in our multi-purpose hall. We have been speaking with the people at Levi's, across the street from the Cathedral, but even an arrangement to use their lot would accommodate no more than fifteen cars. And so finding other alternatives has become for us a major priority. We ask for your patience and understanding during this time, and we remind our parishioners who were dependent upon the Central Freeway for accessing the Cathedral to use the San Jose exit off 280, instead. San Jose becomes Guerrero Street. Take a right on 14th Street and a left onto Valencia Street, to get to the Cathedral. Leaving, take Guerrero Street, which runs parallel to Valencia Street. Guerrero Street eventually runs into Route 280 and, subsequently Route 101, just after 30th Street.

STEWARDSHIP: OUR LINK WITH THE CHURCH

Eugenia Mantzoros, Stewardship Chairman, writes:

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I hope that this letter finds all of you happy, healthy, and enjoying the summer. Many of us have come and gone on our vacations and attendance at church during the summer months always reflects this natural occurrence. However, the church remains open and continues to fully operate all year round. Since attendance is lowest during the summer months, so is income. We are in serious immediate need of funds for operation at this time. Therefore, this is a special appeal to all parishioners to either fulfill your stewardship pledge, make an installment on your balance pledged or, if you are able, make an additional contribution if you have already fulfilled your original pledge for 1996. I have faith that you will all search your hearts and send what you can at this time.

Sincerely, Eugenia Mantzoros

JAMES VORRISSES **NAMED FATHER OF THE** **YEAR**

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy on Father's Day, June 16, James Vorrisse was proclaimed "Father of the Year." His father arrived in San Francisco in 1914, at the age of 16. In 1948, after becoming successful in business, he returned to Greece to marry. Jim Vorrisse is the first of four children. He began school at Daniel Webster, knowing only Greek at first. When he was nine years old his mother took him on a cruise to Greece.

Upon his return, he attended Farruget Elementary School, Aptos Junior High, and Lincoln High. He also attended City College and was graduated from San Francisco State in 1971. In elementary school he enjoyed drawing cars, building models, and playing the trumpet and guitar in the school band. A life-long member of the Annunciation Cathedral, he also served in the altar and sang in the choir.

He has been a member of the Parish Council for twenty-four years and currently serves as Treasurer. He met his wife, Louise, in 1969 and was married in 1972. He is the proud father of four children, Denis, Marie, Angelo and Stephanie, and strives to be a role model to them, especially in the development of their Christian lives. Jim has endeavored to give them an appreciation of their Greek heritage and to always keep God in their hearts.

In a letter he wrote to the Cathedral, following his being named "Father of the Year," Jim noted, among other things: "My belief and love of God, family, children, and service are all concepts that I hold near and dear. If I truly deserve some measure of this title of 'Father of the Year' (and I sometimes wonder whether I am truly worthy), it is because I trust in

God and His Church; I have been raised by a loving mother and a generous father, who instilled in me the concept of loving God and serving His Church unselfishly; I am blessed to be married to Louise, who is both a wonderful wife and mother in her own right, and who inspires me to be a better father, and who is equally, if not more deserving of an honor herself; and, we are blessed by God with four children, who are each very challenging individuals, whom I dearly love and try to be an example for (while I am always well-intentioned, I am not always successful, but I try). May God always bless you, your families, all of us, and the Cathedral of the Annunciation!

AXIOS!

WINTER HOURS RESUME **SEPTEMBER 15**

Beginning Sunday, 15, the Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 10:30 am, rather than at 10 am, and

will conclude by noon rather than at 11:30 a.m.. The Orthros will continue to be celebrated beginning at 9 am. Sunday School will begin in church, with the children gathering at 10 am.

A RICH MAN once asked a friend, "Why am I criticized for being miserly? Everyone knows I will leave everything to charity when I die." "Well," said the friend, "Let me tell you about the pig and the cow. The pig was lamenting to the cow one day about how unpopular he was. 'People are always talking about your gentleness and your kind eyes,' said the pig. 'Sure, you give milk and cream, but I give more. I give bacon, ham, bristles. They can even pickle my feet! Still, nobody likes me. Why is this?' The cow thought a minute and then replied, 'Well, maybe it's because I give while I'm still living!'"



From the **Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress** held in New York June 30-July 4. From left to right: Peter Tamaras, Presbytera Vasiliki Kyriacou, Father Stephen Kyriacou, Patricia Aleck, and Paul Sogotis.

MESSAGE OF HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP SPYRIDON

To the Right Reverend Bishops, the pious Clergy, and the beloved Laity of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America: *"Behold, I and the children which God has given me"* (Heb. 2.13); Beloved brothers, sons and daughters in the Lord:

I wholeheartedly and paternally greet you for the first time as your new archbishop and Spiritual Father from the Phanar, the Venerable Center of World Orthodoxy, having been elected unanimously by the Holy and Sacred Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate to the eminent Archiepiscopal Throne of America.

I offer to you my initial archpastoral letter with fear of God, with faith and with love. With fear of God, for I am fully aware of the awesome responsibility placed upon my shoulders. With faith in God, for only faith in Him can strengthen and sustain my ministry to you. With love, a deep and abiding love for the Church in America, for it was here that my eyes first saw the light of day, and I was nurtured in my childhood years.

It is with love indeed that I write this letter to each and every one of you, whom God in His infinite mercy has seen fit to place under my pastoral care and spiritual protection, for, as we know, "God is love" (1 John 4.8), and in the vineyard of God there can only be love. Therefore, in the vineyard entrusted to us, the Church of America, there can only be room for love of God and love for one another.

I accept the mantle of responsibility for shepherding this highly esteemed Eparchy of the Ecumenical Throne filled only with the mystery of God's love. "We love Him, because He first loved us" (1 John.4.19). It is to an active ministry of love that I fully commit myself without reservation, without apprehension, and without distinction. I pray that you as well, beloved sons and daughters in Christ, dedicate your talents and efforts first and foremost to the flourishing of this love within the embrace of the Church, by placing its works high on the lampstand for all to see.

Where there is love, there can only be unity. Where there is love there is no room for factions or division. In the Garden of Gethsemane, shortly before His passion, Christ prayed with great agony to God the Father that we be one as He and the Father are one (one Body, one Community, one Church with one Faith and one Hope (cfr. Eph.4.3-6).

I come to you, my dear spiritual children, seeking to further strengthen the unity of the Body of Christ to which we belong, and which is so precious and cherished by all. We, hierarchs, priests and devoted laypeople, are all co-workers in the great mystery of the Church. Of course, as Saint Paul writes, our ministries are diverse: some of us are called to be the hands, while others the feet, yet others the eyes. Together, however, we comprise the one undivided Body of the living Christ. United, we are the Church in America.

With these thoughts, I stand ready to walk with you into the third millenium of Christianity. Know that we start on our journey together with a remarkable past of approximately 75 years. We are beneficiaries of great spiritual leaders: Archbishop Alexander, the first and founding Archpastor in the Americas; Archbishop Athenagoras, later Patriarch, who ranks among the great churchmen of this era; Archbishop Michael, our beloved teacher and spiritual father; and finally, Archbishop Iakovos, who, after 37 years of devoted spiritual ministry, has bequeathed to us a valuable legacy upon which we must continue to build.

Our vision for the future is clear, because we travel in the light of the Phanar, which for 2000 years has never waned or been extinguished. The Great Church of Christ is the beacon which burns brightly for each succeeding generation of Orthodox throughout the world. We are children of this ancient legacy of self-sacrificial love--the love of the Holy Mother Church which continues to sustain and unite us even as we approach the third millenium. The Ecumenical Patriarchate is our source of ecclesial being.

We are blessed to live in a time when the venerable Ecumenical Throne is adorned by a servant of God such as Patriarch Bartholomew. As I take on my new responsibilities, under the shelter of our Mother Church, the Ecumenical Patriarchate, let us remember that His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew shall be our inspiration and our unwavering support.

In closing, I embrace each and every one of you, young and old, weak and strong, rich and poor, and from all walks of life. I pray that the All-Loving Lord, inspire you to be always loving and united members of His Holy Church.

"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen" (1 Cor. 16.23-24).

+SPYRIDON, Archbishop of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

SEPTEMBER 1996

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 - Orthros 10 - Liturgy	LABOR DAY				7 - Sunday School Staff Meeting - Delianides Home	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9 - ORTHROS 10 - LITURGY 12 - 60th Anniversary Committee Meeting				7 - Social Committee Meeting		10:00 - HOLY CROSS Divine Liturgy Luncheon follows Greek School Registration
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9 - Orthros 10 - Sunday School (Year begins) 10:30 - Divine Liturgy YAL Picnic 6 - Pilgrimage Participants Meeting	7 - Parish Council Meeting	1:00 - Philoptochos Board Meeting		7 - Hall Management Committee Meeting		Greek School begins ARCHBISHOP SPYRIDON ENTHRONEMENT
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9 - Orthros 10 - Sunday School 10:30 - Divine Liturgy						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9 - Orthros 10 - Sunday School 10:30 - Divine Liturgy YAL Gathering - Cathedral						
29	30					

ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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"*Ιδού ἐγὼ καὶ τὰ παιδιά ἃ μοι ἔδωκεν ὁ Θεός*" (Εβρ. 2,13). Ἀδελφοί προσφιλεῖς, τέκνα ἐν Κυρίῳ,

Ἀπ' τὸ Φανάρι, τὸ Σεπτὸ Κέντρο τῆς ἀνά τὸν κόσμον Ὁρθοδοξίας, ὅπου ἡ Ἀγία καὶ Ἱερά Σύνοδος τοῦ Οἰκουμενικοῦ Πατρι-
αρχείου ἐξέλεξε παμψηφεί τὴν ἐλαχιστότητά μου στὸν περίπυστο Ἀρχιεπισκοπικὸ Θρόνον τῆς Ἀμερικῆς, σὰς στέλλω, ὡς
νέος Ἀρχιεπίσκοπος καὶ πνευματικὸς σας πατήρ, τὸν πρῶτον ἐγκάρδιον πατρικὸν χαιρετισμὸν μου.

Μὲ φόβον Θεοῦ, πίστην καὶ ἀγάπην σὰς ἀπευθύνω, ἀγαπητοὶ μου ἀδελφοί, τὸ ποιμαντικὸ αὐτὸ μήνυμα. Μὲ φόβον Θεοῦ, διότι ἔχω
πλήρη ἐπίγνωση τῆς βαρεῖας εὐθύνης πού ἐπωμίζομαι. Μὲ πίστην στὸν Θεόν, διότι μόνον μὲ τὴν πίστην αὐτὴ θὰ μπορέσῃ νὰ
στηριχθῇ καὶ καρποφορήσῃ ἡ ἀναμεταξύ σας διακονία μου. Καὶ μὲ ἀγάπην, ἀπεριόριστη ἀγάπη, γιὰ τὴν Ἐκκλησίαν τῆς Ἀμε-
ρικῆς, ὅπου πρωτοεῖδα τὸ φῶς τῆς ἡμέρας καὶ γαλουχήθηκα.

Μὲ ἀγάπην λοιπὸν πολλήν πρὸς ὅλους καὶ τὸν καθένα ἀπὸ σὰς, τοὺς ὁποίους ὁ Θεὸς μὲ τὸ ἄπειρό Του ἔλεος μόλις ὑπὸ τὴν
πνευματικὴν μου μέριμνα καὶ προστασίαν. Μὲ ἀγάπην, διότι "ὁ Θεὸς ἀγάπη ἐστὶ" (Α' Ἰωαν. 4,8) καὶ στὴν Ἐκκλησίαν τοῦ Θεοῦ
δὲν μπορεῖ νὰ ὑπάρχῃ παρὰ μόνον ἡ ἀγάπη. Γι' αὐτὸ καὶ στὸν ἀμπελῶνα αὐτὸν πού μᾶς ἐμπιστεύθηκε ὁ Θεός, τὴν Ἐκκλησίαν
τῆς Ἀμερικῆς, ὑπάρχει χώρος μόνον γιὰ τὴν ἀγάπην τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ τὴν ἀγάπην πρὸς ἀλλήλους.

Ἀναλαμβάνω τὴν βαρεῖαν εὐθύνην τῆς διαποιμάνσεως τῆς σπουδαίας αὐτῆς Ἐπαρχίας τοῦ Οἰκουμενικοῦ Θρόνου ἐμπλεως ἀ-
ποκλειστικὰ καὶ μόνον ἀπ' τὸ μυστήριον τῆς ἀγάπης τοῦ Θεοῦ. "Ἡμεῖς ἀγαπῶμεν αὐτόν, ὅτι αὐτὸς πρῶτος ἠγάπησεν ἡμᾶς" (Α' Ἰωαν.
4,19). Στὴν διακονίαν ἀγάπης ἀφιερῶν ὁλοκληρωτικὰ τὸν ἑαυτὸν μου· χωρὶς ἐπιφυλάξεις, χωρὶς ἐνδοιασμούς, χωρὶς δι-
ακρίσεις. Προσεύχομαι καὶ σεῖς, προσφιλέστατοι ἐν Χριστῷ υἱοὶ καὶ θυγατέρες, νὰ ἀφιερῶσθε τὰ τάλαντα καὶ τοὺς κόπους
σας πρωτίστως καὶ κυρίως στὴν ἀνθήσιν τῆς ἀγάπης αὐτῆς στὸν Χῶρον τῆς Ἐκκλησίας μας, θέτοντας τὰ ἔργα τῆς "ἐπὶ τὴν λυχνί-
αν" γιὰ νὰ καταστούν ὁλόγανερὰ (πρβλ. Ματθ. 5,15).

"Ὅπου ὑπάρχει ἀγάπη, ἐκεῖ ὑπάρχει καὶ ἐνότητα· ὅπου ὑπάρχει ἀγάπη, ἐκεῖ δασπάσεις καὶ διαιρέσεις δὲν χωροῦν. Στὸν
κῆπον τῆς Γεθσημανῆ, λίγο πρὶν τὸ Πάθος Του, ὁ Χριστὸς προσευχήθηκε ἐναγώνια στὸν Θεὸν Πατέρα " ἵνα πάντες ἐν ᾧσι" (Ἰ-
ωαν. 17,21), ὅπως Ἐκεῖνος καὶ ὁ Πατὴρ εἶναι ἓν· ἓν Σῶμα, μία Κοινότης, μία Ἐκκλησία μὲ μία Πίστη καὶ μὲ μία Ἑλπίδα
(πρβλ. Ἐφεσ. 4,4-5).

Ἐρχομαι πρὸς σὰς, πεφιλημένοι ἀδελφοί καὶ τέκνα κατὰ πνεῦμα, μὲ τὴν πρόθεσιν νὰ ἐνισχύσω ἀκόμη περισσότερο τὴν ἐνότη-
τα τοῦ Σώματος τοῦ Χριστοῦ, στὸ ὅποιο ἀνήκουμε καὶ τὸ ὅποιο τόσο περιπαθῶς ἀγαπῶμε ὅλοι. Ἱεράρχες, Ἱερεῖς, εὐσεβεῖς
λαϊκοί, ἄνδρες καὶ γυναῖκες, ὅλοι εἴμαστε συνεργοὶ στὸ μέγα τῆς Ἐκκλησίας μυστήριον.

Βέβαια, ὅπως γράφει ὁ Ἀπόστολος Παῦλος, τὸ διακόνημα τοῦ καθενὸς διαφέρει· ἄλλοι, ὅπως χαρακτηριστικὰ παρατηρεῖ, κα-
λοῦνται νὰ ἀποτελέσουν τῆς χεῖρες, ἄλλοι τοὺς πόδες καὶ ἄλλοι πάλι τοὺς ὀφθαλμούς (πρβλ. Α' Κορ. 12, 15-16). "Ὅμως ὅλοι
μαζί ἀπαρτίζουμε τὸ ἓν ἀδιαίρετον Σῶμα τοῦ ζῶντος Χριστοῦ. Ἐνωμένοι ἀποτελοῦμε τὴν Ἐκκλησίαν τῆς Ἀμερικῆς.

Αὐτὰ ἔχοντας κατὰ νοῦν, δηλώνω τὴν προθυμίαν καὶ πρόθεσίν μου νὰ συμπορευθῶ μαζί σας πρὸς τὴν ἐπόμενη τρίτη χιλιετίαν τῆς
ἱστορίας τῆς Ἐκκλησίας τοῦ Χριστοῦ. Γνωρίζετε βέβαια, ὅτι στὴν κοινὴν μας πορείαν ξεκινῶμε ἔχοντας ἓν ἀξιόλογο παρελ-
θὸν 75 περίπου χρόνων. Εἴμασθε κληρονόμοι μεγάλων πνευματικῶν μορφῶν· τοῦ Ἀρχιεπισκόπου Ἀλεξάνδρου, τοῦ θεμελιω-
τοῦ καὶ πρώτου ποιμενάρχου τῆς Ἐκκλησίας μας στὴν Ἀμερικὴ· τοῦ μακαριστοῦ Πατριάρχου Ἀθηναγόρου, ἐνὸς τῶν μεγ-
άλων ἐκκλησιαστικῶν ἀνδρῶν τοῦ αἵωνα μας· τοῦ Ἀρχιεπισκόπου Μικαὴλ, τοῦ γεραροῦ διδασκάλου καὶ πνευματικοῦ
πατέρα· καὶ τέλος, τοῦ Ἀρχιεπισκόπου Ἰακώβου, ὁ ὁποῖος μετὰ 37 ἐτῶν ἀφοσιωμένη πνευματικὴ διακονία μᾶς ἐκληροδότη-
σε ἔργο σπουδαῖον καὶ ἐπίζηλον, τὸ ὅποιο καλούμεθα τῶρα νὰ συνεχίσουμε μὲ πιστότητα καὶ συνέπεια.

Τὸ ὄραμά μας γιὰ τὸ μέλλον εἶναι διανυγές, διότι πορευόμαστε ὑπὸ τὸ φῶς τοῦ Φαναρίου, φῶς πού γιὰ 2000 χρόνια οὔτε ε-
σβησε οὔτε μειώθηκε. Ἡ ἐν Κωνσταντινουπόλει Μεγάλη τοῦ Χριστοῦ Ἐκκλησία εἶναι ὁ φάρος πού φέγγει τηλαυγῶς γιὰ κά-
θε ἐπερχόμενη γενεὰ ὀρθοδόξων ἀνὰ τὸν κόσμον. Εἴμασθε κληρονόμοι μακραίωνος παραδόσεως ἀγάπης ἐν αὐτοθυσίᾳ, τῆς ἀ-
γάπης τῆς Ἀγίας Μητρός Ἐκκλησίας πού συνεχίζει νὰ μᾶς ἐνισχύῃ πάντα καὶ νὰ μᾶς ἐνώνει, καθὼς βαίνουμε σταθερά πρὸς
τὴν τρίτη χιλιετίαν τοῦ Χριστιανισμοῦ. Πηγὴ τῆς ἐκκλησιαστικῆς μας ὑπάρξεως εἶναι καὶ παραμένει πάντα τὸ Οἰκουμενικὸ
Πατριαρχεῖον.

Ἀποτελεῖ εὐλογία Θεοῦ πραγματικὴ, ὅτι ζοῦμε σ' ἐποχὴν, κατὰ τὴν ὁποίαν τὸν πανῆρον Οἰκουμενικὸν Θρόνον κλεῖζει μορφή
ἐκκλησιαστικὴ μεγάλης ἀκτινοβολίας, ὅπως ἡ Α.Θ.Π. ὁ Οἰκουμενικὸς Πατριάρχης Βαρθολομαῖος. Ἀναλαμβάνοντας τὰ νέα
μου καθήκοντα ὑπὸ τὴν σκέπη τῆς Μητρός Ἐκκλησίας, τοῦ Οἰκουμενικοῦ Πατριαρχείου, διαβεβαιῶν ὅλους ὅτι ἐμπνευστὴς
καὶ σταθερὸς συναντιλήπτωρ στὸ κοινὸν ἔργο πού μᾶς περιμένει, θὰ εἶναι ἡ Α.Θ.Π. ὁ Πατριάρχης Βαρθολομαῖος.

Κατακλείοντας, ἀσπάζομαι ὅλους καὶ τὸν καθένα σας χωριστά, μικροὺς καὶ μεγάλους, διασήμεους καὶ ἀσήμεους, ἰσχυροὺς καὶ
ἀδυνάτους, πλουσίους καὶ πτωχοὺς, ὅποιαδήποτε κι ἂν εἶναι ἡ προέλευση τοῦ καθενός. Συγχρόνως θερμὴ ἀναπέμπω παρ-
άκληση στὸν Κύριον τῆς ἀγάπης νὰ σας ἐμπνέῃ συνεχῶς, ὥστε μὲ τὴν δύναμιν τῆς ἀγάπης νὰ οἰδοδομήτε πάντοτε τὴν ἐνότητα
τῆς Ἀγίας Του Ἐκκλησίας.

"Ἡ χάρις τοῦ Κυρίου Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ μεθ' ἡμῶν. Ἡ ἀγάπη μου μετὰ πάντων ὑμῶν ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ. Ἀμήν." (Α' Κορ. 16,23-
24).

Ὁ Ἀρχιεπίσκοπος ὁ Ἀμερικῆς Σπυρίδων

Ο ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΦΙΛΗΣ ΤΙΜΑΤΑΙ

Πρόσφατα, μέλη του Καθεδρικού Ναού έλαβαν προσκλήσεις για ένα τιμητικό τραπέζι που δίνει το Πανεπιστήμιο Golden Gate προς τιμή του πρώην έλληνα δημάρχου του Αγίου Φραγκίσκου, κ. Γιώργου Χρηστοφίλη.

Ο κ. Χρηστοφίλης γεννήθηκε στον Άγιο Πέτρο της Μεσσηνίας και ήλθε στον Άγιο Φραγκίσκο ηλικίας 2 ετών. Εδώ έγινε πετυχημένος επιχειρηματίας και κατόπιν εξελέγη δήμαρχος της πόλης για οκτώ χρόνια. Στη συνέχεια υπηρέτησε και ως αντιπρόσωπος των ΗΠΑ εις τα Ηνωμένα Έθνη. Μαζί με την εκλεκτή σύζυγό του, την Τούλα, εκπροσώπησε ό,τι πιο καλό, ελληνικό, ορθόδοξο, ανθρώπινο. Το πανεπιστήμιο ίδρυσε έδρα εις το όνομα του πρώην δημάρχου και καλεί την ομογένεια όπως τον τιμήσουμε για την δράση του και τις πολλές προσφορές του, την Τετάρτη, 25 Σεπτεμβρίου και ώρα 6 μ.μ. Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες και για να κλείσετε θέσεις, τηλεφωνείτε στο 415 442-7817.

Ο ΠΡΩΗΝ ΙΤΑΛΙΑΣ ΣΠΥΡΙΔΩΝ ΕΞΕΛΕΓΗ ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΟΣ ΑΜΕΡΙΚΗΣ

Ἡ Ἀγία καί Ἱερά Σύνοδος κατά τήν συνεδρίαν αὐτῆς τῇ 30 Ἰουλίου:

α) ἐπὶ τῇ λήξει τῆς πρωθιεραρχικῆς ἐν Ἀμερικῇ διακονίας τοῦ Σεβ. Ἀρχιεπισκόπου κ. Ἰακώβου ἐξέφρασεν ἅπαξ ἔτι τήν στοργήν καί ἐκτίμησιν τῆς Μητρὸς Ἐκκλησίας πρὸς τὸ πρόσωπον καί τήν εὐαρέσκειαν αὐτῆς διὰ τήν μακροχρόνιον καί ἀγλαόκαρπον προσφορὰν αὐτοῦ

εἰς τήν Ἐκκλησίαν καί τὸ Γένος.

β) πρὸς καλυτέραν ὀργάνωσιν καί διαποίμανσιν τῆς Ἐκκλησίας ἡμῶν ἐν τῷ Νέῳ Κόσμῳ, προέβη ἐς τήν ἰδρύσιν τριῶν νέων Μητροπόλεων τοῦ Οἰκουμενικοῦ Θρόνου, ἥτοι τῶν Μητροπόλεων Τορόντο (Καναδᾶ), Μπουνένος Ἀῦρες (Νοτίου Ἀμερικῆς) καί Μεξικῶ (Κεντρῶς Ἀμερικῆς). Ἡ ἐκλογή τῶν ποιμεναρχῶν τῶν νέων τούτων Μητροπόλεων γενήσεται ἀργότερον.

γ) ἐξέλεξε παμψηφεὶ Ἀρχιεπίσκοπον Ἀμερικῆς (ΗΠΑ) τὸν Σεβ. Μητροπολίτην Ἰταλίας κ. Σπυρίδωνα, γεννηθέντα ἐν Ἀμερικῇ τὸ 1944. Ὁ νεοκλεγείς εἶναι ὁ 5ος Ἀρχιεπίσκοπος Ἀμερικῆς ἀπὸ τῆς ἰδρύσεως τῆς Ἐπαρχίας ταύτης τοῦ Οἰκουμενικοῦ Θρόνου πρὸ 75 ἐτῶν. Ὁ Σεβ. Ἀρχιεπίσκοπος κ. Σπυρίδων ὠνομάσθη μετὰ τήν ἐκλογήν αὐτοῦ καί ἔξαρχος τοῦ Οἰκουμενικοῦ Πατριάρχου ἐν Ἀμερικῇ, ἵνα προεδρεύῃ συνεδριῶν τῶν ἐν Ἀμερικῇ κανονικῶν Ὁρθοδόξων Ἱεραρχῶν, πρὸς ἀπὸ κοινοῦ ἐξέτασιν καί κατεύθυνσιν τῶν γενικωτέρων ἐκεῖσε ἐκκλησιαστικῶν ζητημάτων.

Τὸν ἴδιο χρόνο ἀνέλαβε καθήκοντα Ἱερατικῶς Προϊσταμένου στὴν Ρώμη, ὅπου μέ δημιουργικὸ ζήλο ὠργάνωσε τήν ἐλληνορθόδοξην παροικίαν...

Ἐκτιμῶντας τήν πολύπλευρην διακονίαν του, ἡ Ἀγία καί Ἱερά Σύνοδος τοῦ Οἰκουμενικοῦ Πατριαρχείου τὸν ἐξέλεξε τὸν Νοέμβριον τοῦ 1985 Ἐπίσκοπο...

Τὸν Νόεμβριον τοῦ 1991 ἡ Ἀγία καί Ἱερά Σύνοδος τοῦ Οἰκουμενικοῦ Πατριαρχείου, ἰδρύοντας τήν Ἱερά Μητρόπολιν Ἰταλίας καί Ἐξαρχίαν Νοτίου Εὐρώπης, τὸν ἐξέλεξε πρῶτον Μητροπολίτην τῆς νεοπαγοῦς αὐτῆς ἐκκλησιαστικῆς

Ἐξαρχίας...

Τὸ 1992 ὀρίσθηκε Προέδρος τῆς Διορθόδοξης Ἐπιτροπῆς γιὰ τὸ Θεολογικὸ Διάλογο μετὰ τῆς Ὁρθόδοξης Ἐκκλησίας καί τῆς Παγκοσμίου Λουθηριανικῆς Ὁμοσπονδίας...

Ἐχει ἰδιαίτερη κλίση στὶς εὐρωπαϊκὰς γλῶσσας, ἀπ' αἷς ὁποῖες, ἐκτὸς τῶν ἐλληνικῶν, ὁμιλεῖ ἄνετα καί μ' εὐχέρεια τὰ ἀγγλικά, γαλλικά, γερμανικά καί ἰταλικά.

Γενικά ὁ νέος Σεβ. Ἀρχιεπίσκοπος Ἀμερικῆς διακρίνεται γιὰ τήν πιστότητα καί ἀφοσίωσιν τοῦ στό θεσμό τοῦ Οἰκουμενικοῦ Πατριαρχείου, γιὰ τήν δυναμικότητά του. Ἡ ἐνθρόνισις αὐτοῦ θά λάβῃ χώραν εἰς τὸν Ἀρχιεπισκοπικὸν Καθεδρικὸν Ναὸν τῆς Ἀγίας Τριάδος ἐν Νέᾳ Ὑόρκῃ τὸ Σάββατον 21 Σεπτεμβρίου.

Ὁ Καθεδρικός ἡμῶν Ναός θά ἐπροσωπήσουν ὁ Ἱ. Προϊστάμενος π. Στυλιανὸς Κυριάκου μετὰ τῆς Πρεσβυτέρας καί τέκνου αὐτῶν Χριστοφόρου, ἡ Πρόεδρος τοῦ Κοινοτικοῦ Συμβουλίου Παναγιώτα Ἀλεξοπούλου, ὁ Παῦλος Σογότης, ὁ Δημήτριος Δαριώτης, καί ἄλλοι.

ΤΟ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟ ΑΡΧΙΖΕΙ ΣΤΙΣ 14 ΣΕΠΤΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ ΜΕ ΕΓΓΡΑΦΕΣ

Στις 14 Σεπτεμβρίου θα γίνουν οἱ εγγραφές γιὰ τὸ νέο σχολικὸν ἔτος. Τα δε μαθήματα θα ἀρχίσουν ἀπὸ τὸ Σάββατον 21 Σεπτεμβρίου, 9.30-12.30, ἀφὸν πρῶτα συναντηθῶν οἱ δασκάλες μας, ἡ κα Λουκία Εξάρχου Παπαδοπούλου καὶ ἡ δις Παναγιώτα Ρέκα καὶ προγραμματίσουν τὸ νέο σχολικὸν ἔτος, στὶς 31 Σεπτεμβρίου.

Παρακαλεῖσθε ὅπως γράψετε τα

παιδιά σας στο εκπαιδευτικό αυτό πρόγραμμα που παρέχει η Κοινότητά μας, το μοναδικό που διδάσκει αποκλειστικά την ελληνική γλώσσα, μαζί με το ελληνορθόδοξο φρόνημα. Οι εγγραφές θα γίνουν αφού πρώτα τελεσθεί η Θεία Λειτουργία, την ημέρα αυτή που η Ορθοδοξία πανηγυρίζει την Παγκόσμιο Ύψωση του Τιμίου Σταυρού.

ΤΟ ΚΑΤΗΧΗΤΙΚΟ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟ **ΑΡΧΙΖΕΙ ΣΤΙΣ** **15 ΣΕΠΤΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ**

Ανατυπώνουμε το γράμμα που εστάλη πρόσφατα από την νέα διευθύντρια του Κατηχητικού μας Σχολείου, την κα Δωροθέα Δελιγιαννίδη. Αγαπητοί γονείς, Σας γράφουμε να σας ενθαρρύνουμε ούτως ώστε να αρχίσει πió θετικά το εφετινό σχολικόν έτος.

Για να εκπαιδευθούν καθώς πρέπει, τα παιδιά μας οφείλουν να διδαχθούν όχι μονάχα στο αμερικάνικο (ημερήσιο) σχολείο, αλλά και στο κατηχητικό σχολείο, όπου θα μάθουν για την Ορθόδοξη Χριστιανική μας Πίστη, ακόμα και στο Ελληνικό Σχολείο, όπου θα μάθουν την γλώσσα και την ιστορία της φιλής και του γένους μας.

Όσον αφορά το Κατηχητικό Σχολείο, ο Καθεδρικός Ναός παρέχει ένα άριστο πρόγραμμα για παιδιά 5-18 ετών. Οι δάσκαλοί μας είναι αφοσιωμένοι και έμπειροι. Εργάζονται σαν εθελοντές, αλλά με ζήλο, ώστε τα παιδιά της Κοινότητάς μας να εννοήσουν και να ζήσουν την ωραιότητα της Ορθόδοξής μας Πίστεως, της Αγίας Γραφής, της υμνοδίας της Εκκλησίας μας, και τις εκκλησιαστικές εορτές.

Το πρόγραμμα αρχίζει στις 10 το πρωί με μιά συνάντηση με τον Ιερέα. Στις 10.30 τα παιδιά πηγαίνουν στις τάξεις τους με τους δασκάλους τους, και στις

11.30 τα παιδιά έρχονται ξανά στην εκκλησία για την Θεία Κοινωνία.

Επιτρέψατέ μας να σας βοηθήσουμε, να ενθαρρύνουμε τα παιδιά σας να μεγαλώσουν και να προκόψουν, μέσα σ'αυτό το χριστιανικο, ορθόδοξο περιβάλλον, γνωρίζοντας την χριστιανική ζωή, τις διδασκαλίες του Κυρίου μας Ιησού Χριστού, τον ίδιο τον Θεό.

Ελάτε λοιπόν την Κυριακή 15 Σεπτεμβρίου, την πρώτη ημέρα του Κατηχητικού Σχολείου και κάθε Κυριακή μετά τις 15. Σε περίπτωση που δεν μπορείτε οι ίδιοι να φέρετε τα παιδιά σας, ίσως θα μπορούσε κάποιος άλλος να τα φέρνει, είτε γείτονας, είτε γνωστός, είτε συγγενής.

Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες τηλεφωνείτε μας, στο γραφείο του Καθεδρικού Ναού στο 864-8000.

ΝΕΕΣ ΩΡΕΣ **Θ. ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑΣ**

Από τις 15 Σεπτεμβρίου, Κυριακή μετά την Ύψωση του Τιμίου Σταυρού, η Θεία Λειτουργία τις Κυριακές θα τελείται από τις 10.30 το πρωί αντί 10. Τα παιδιά του Κατηχητικού Σχολείου θα συναντιώνται από τις 10 το πρωί. Ο δε Ορθρος θα εξακολουθήσει να τελείται από τις 9 το πρωί.

60 ΧΡΟΝΙΑ ΑΠΟ ΤΗΝ **ΟΝΟΜΑΣΙΑ ΜΑΣ**

Όπως σημειώσαμε σε προηγούμεο δελτίο, το Σάββατο 2 Νοεμβρίου θα εορτασθούν τα 60 χρόνια από την ονομασία της Κοινότητάς μας που μέχρι το έτος 1936 ήτο γνωστή ως "Αγία Σοφία." Έκτοτε η Κοινότητα μας αναπτύχθηκε σε σημείο που ονομάσθηκε Καθεδρικός Ναός

της Επισκοπής του Αγίου Φραγκίσκου.

Στο μεταξύ μέλη του Καθεδρικού Ναού μετακόμισαν σε άλλα μέρη της περιφέρειας μας, και ίδρυσαν Κοινότητες στο Μπέλμοντ και Νοβάτο. Μεσολάβησε και ο σεισμός του 1989. Αλλά από το έτος 1993 ο Ναός και τα βοηθητικά κτίρια άρχισαν να ξανακτίζονται, ώστε η Κοινότητα του Καθεδρικού Ναού να αναπτύσσεται σε σημείο που ακόμη μία φορά γίνεται το εκκλησιαστικό κέντρο των Ελληνορθόδοξων Χριστιανών της περιοχής.

Ας εορτάσουμε επομένως όχι μόνο το λαμπρό παρελθόν μας αλλά και το λαμπρό μέλλον, εκεί που μας οδηγεί ο Κύριος με την προστασία και τις πρεσβείες της Αγίας Θεοτόκου.

Ως μέρος του εορτασμού θα τυπωθεί αναμνηστικό λεύκωμα στο οποίο δύνασθε να αφιερώσετε μία σελίδα, ή μισή εάν προτιμάτε. Μαζί με το μήνυμά σας μπορείτε να τυπώσετε και φωτογραφία της οικογένειάς σας, είτε παλαιά, είτε καινούργια που μπορείτε να πάρετε τις Κυριακές, 15, 22 ή 29 Σεπτεμβρίου ή 6 ή 13 Οκτωβρίου. Αλλά δέον να δηλώσετε την επιθυμία σας μέχρι τις 8 Σεπτεμβρίου, όσον αφορά τις καινούργιες φωτογραφίες και όχι αργότερα από τις 14 Οκτωβρίου, όσον αφορά τις παλαιές.

Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες τηλεφωνείτε στην Άννα Μαρία Καρσαντίδη ή στο γραφείο της Κοινότητας στο 864-800. Άλλα ενδιαφέροντα είναι το σχετικό λαχείο, για το οποίο θα λάβετε πληροφορίες εντός της εβδομάδας και την ιδική προσφορά για την ενίσχυση του όλου προγράμματος, για την οποία ήδη ελάχιστα σχετικές πληροφορίες.

YAL NEWS

Our young adults have planned a number of exciting events, in an effort to bring together young men and women who share the same Faith and similar interests. On July 19th they held a get-together at Fridays. **On Sunday, September 15**, they will host a **Picnic at Golden Gate Park**. **On Sunday, September 29** they will host a get-together with Father Stephen, **at the Cathedral with the topic: "Inquiring Minds Want to Know: a night of questions and answers about the Orthodox Faith."** **On October 11** they will feature **Bowling and Sushi**. **On December 14** YAL will host the annual **Christmas party, and January 17-19** there will be a **Ski Trip**, culminating on **March 8th** with a **Mardi Gras Gala**.

Flyers available at the Cathedral and mailed to all the members will outline the specific details of the events. For further information, please call **Mia Mattis**, who is chairing our Young Adults Group, at 566-4308 or the Cathedral Office, at 864-8000 but above all, **get involved!** The work and the planning is done by a few people. They need your encouragement in order to keep going. You can encourage them both by attending the events and by calling and offering to help out. We look forward to hearing from you.

A reminder: the 1996 YAL Conference will be held in Phoenix August 30-September 2.

For further information about this conference, please call the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries at 209/338-2103.

IN-CHOIR WITHIN

The world-renowned Annunciation Cathedral Choir is accepting applicants for all voice parts. Singing with the Choir is a great way to participate actively in the Sunday Liturgy. In addition to singing, we learn about the liturgy, hymnology, and history of the Church.

We have rehearsals every other Thursday night from October to May, in a relaxed atmosphere which promotes fellowship.

Beginning this year, we will also have sight-reading and vocal techniques workshops, so even if you don't have too much experience, you can "learn as you sing".

For more information, call Nick Tarlson at 956-5700.

A GIFT FOR THE FUTURE

From time to time, the Cathedral is the beneficiary of a gift left after some one has died. Because of our building needs, these gifts have been placed in the Building Fund and used for the rebuilding of our Cathedral and its ancillary facilities. On one occasion, a bequest was left and deposited, with only the interest used as a pay of paying the deceased's stewardship in perpetuity. On four other occasions, the bequests have been used to establish scholarships, the interest only being given for scholarships, and the principal remains intact.

There are many ways you can name the Cathedral in your will. We will be happy to discuss some of the options with you. Of course, the final decision is yours and your wishes are normally formalized through an attorney and, in some cases, an accountant as well. But planning is important. If you have included the Annunciation Cathedral in your will, or would like more information about estate planning, please return the coupon below. All gifts will be treated with the utmost confidence and respect.

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I'd like information on estate planning and a gift to the Annunciation Cathedral.

☐ Please send me more information about including the Annunciation Cathedral in my estate plan.

☐ I am considering a provision in my estate plan for the future support of the Annunciation Cathedral.

☐ I have already made a provision in my estate plan for the future support of the Annunciation Cathedral. My name may be used for donor recognition purposes: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone () _____

Please return to: Annunciation Cathedral, 245 Valencia Street, San Francisco, CA 94103.

SACRAMENTS: BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES, FUNERALS

Since the last issue of the *Herald*, the following Sacraments have been celebrated at the Cathedral:

Baptisms & Chrismations

Chris Mark, son of Christine Chiappari, was baptized August 18. His sponsors were Philip and Annette Chiappari.

Stephanie Jane, daughter of John and Janice Gumas, was baptized August 24. Her sponsor was Patricia Daniella Demiris.

Na mas zisoun!

Marriages:

The marriage of Raymond F. Leader, Jr. and Gina Kathleen Karas was blessed on June 22, sponsored by Chris John Karas.

The marriage of Efthymios Ioannis Agelopoulos and Gina Marie Zancanelli was blessed on July 20, sponsored by Steve Agelopoulos.

The marriage of Jerry Simotas and Natalie Marie Rickman was blessed on July 27, sponsored by Spiro Zographos.

Na mas zisoun!

Deaths:

Pete Theodore Sogotis, who died July 3, was buried July 6, survived by his wife, Rose.

Nicholas Tsirolias, who died August 15, was buried August 19, survived by his wife, Christine.

Themis A. Lekas, who died August 22, was buried August 26, survived by his wife, Loula.

Aionia i mnimi auton.

HELP WANTED

Greek American Food imports, located at 223 Valencia Street, is in need of a grocery clerk and river. A high school or college student is preferred.

Call Ron at 415/864-0978.

CEMETERY LOTS AVAILABLE

Three individual plots are available at the GREEK ORTHODOX MEMORIAL PARK in Colma.

They are located in the Saint Maria Section to the left as you enter the cemetery.

Please contact Petros or Antigone Lolonis during the day at 510/938-8066 for additional information.



SIGN UP FOR GREEK FOLK DANCE

Practice will be under way in September. In addition to the groups established before the summer break, there will be an Adult Dance Group, directed by Perry Paraskevas. Everything else will remain as reported in previous issues of the *Herald*. Please complete and return the form below, if you have not already done so, and return to the Cathedral at 245 Valencia Street, San Francisco, CA 94103.

My name is _____

My address is _____

My telephone number is _____

I am _____ years old.

Please check one of the following:

I have had experience with Greek folk dancing before _____

I have not had experience with Greek folk dancing before _____

By the way, participation in Greek folk dancing requires participation in the Life of the Church. Dancers are required to attend Sunday School, a minimum of 75 % of the time. To facilitate this, some of our directors are inclined to teach the dancers on Sundays, following Sunday School and the Divine Liturgy.

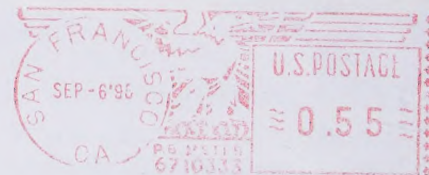
SOCIAL EVENTS:
LOOKING AHEAD

Keep the following dates in mind:
 Saturday, November 2 (60th Anniversary **Diamond Jubilee**);
Sunday, December 1 - Pre-Christmas Brunch;
Friday, December 6 - Cocktail Party and Dancing in connection with the Parade of Homes, hosted by the Marin County parish;
Saturday, December 7 - Parade of Homes, to benefit the Student Aid Endowment Fund, Cleo Mattis and Pat Aleck co-chairs of the cocktail and luncheon, with Irene Gianaras chairing the Parade of Homes and coordinated by Valerie Roumeliotes, with Castro Valley parish hosting the reception;
Sunday, December 22 - Sunday School/Stewardship Luncheon;
Tuesday, December 31 - New Year's Eve Gala; Sunday, January 5 - Vasilopita;
Friday, January 31 - Crab Feed;
 The next annual Food Festival is being scheduled for October '97.

ΚΑΙ ΤΟ ΟΝΟΜΑ ΑΥΤΟΥΣ... ΚΑΤΑΧΡΕΟΜΕΝΟΣ...



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